

(Five trillion, five hundred fifty-five billion, five hundred seventy-two million).

Five years ago, October 26, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,713,110,000,000 (Four trillion, seven hundred thirteen billion, one hundred ten million).

Ten years ago, October 26, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,878,967,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred seventy-eight billion, nine hundred sixty-seven million).

Fifteen years ago, October 26, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,599,295,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred ninety-nine billion, two hundred ninety-five million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,079,355,010,507.85 (Four trillion, seventy-nine billion, three hundred fifty-five million, ten thousand, five hundred seven dollars and eighty-five cents) during the past 15 years.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1652. An act to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

S. 437. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1175) to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1404 of Public Law 99-661 (20 U.S.C. 4703), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. OWEN B. PICKETT of Virginia.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1255. An act to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending

certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc. for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

H.R. 1528. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 1753. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of gas hydrate resources, and other purposes.

H.R. 2496. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 2885. An act to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards.

H.R. 2970. An act to prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created of Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and other purposes.

H.R. 3061. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia.

H. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent resolution urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict.

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief.

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs on special, multiple, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce.

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Governmental spending.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2496. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Pro-

gram Act of 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2886. An act to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2970. An act to prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created of Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following bills were referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent, sequentially, and if the bills are not reported by that Committee by November 2, 1999, the Committee be discharged from further consideration thereof, and the bills be placed on the calendar:

S. 225. A bill to provide housing assistance to Native Hawaiians.

S. 400. A bill to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent resolution urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Governmental spending; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read twice and placed on the calendar:

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